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In re the application of:

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Bi et al.

Confirmation No.: 9146

Application No.: 09/715,935

Examiner: E. B. Fuller

Filed: November 17, 2000

Group Art Unit: 1762

For: COATING FORMATION BY REACTIVE DEPOSITION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 19, 2002, and further to the Appeal Brief of November 19, 2002 and the Examiner's Answer of January 29, 2003, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested. Please enter the following amendments prior to consideration of the enclosed Request For Continued Examination.

In the Claims

Please substitute the following amended claims for those currently pending:

18. (Twice Amended) A method of coating a substrate, the method comprising:
- reacting a reactant stream within a flow by directing a radiation beam at the reactant stream to produce within the flow a product stream comprising particles downstream from the radiation beam, wherein the particles are produced by the reaction and wherein the reaction is driven by energy from the radiation beam;
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Attached please find the following document for filing in the above-identified patent application:

- 1) RCE Transmittal; and
- 2) Preliminary Amendment.

Sincerely,



Peter S. Dardi, Ph.D.

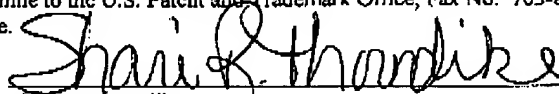
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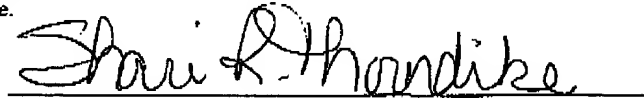
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